1	2	3	4	5	6
	linked fingers, Haibargaon-Mairabari and Senchoa-Silghat Town		Sechoa-Silchat June 08 balance March 2009		and Senchoa to Silghat where works are in different stages.
4.	Kathakal-Bhairabi	Manipur	March 2011	24.69	Earthwork, bridge works etc. taken up. The conversion will be done alongwith Lumding-Silchar project.
5.	New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon with branch lines	Assam, West Bengal	Main line and Alipurduar-Baman hat completed. Fakiragram-Dhubri 2008-09	862.89	All work completed except Fakiragram-Dhubri which is targeted for 2008-09.
Doubling					
1.	New Guwahati-Assam Digaru-patch doubling	Assam	March, 2010	6.33	Contract for earthwork and bridges finalized and work started.

In the last three years, an outlay of Rs. 1440 crore was provided for various projects at the Budget stage and total approximate expenditure has been Rs. 2340 crore.

(c) Necessary funds are being provided. Five new line and two gauge conversion projects have been declared as National Projects and part funds are being provided as an additionality.

Development of railway stations of metros, mini metros and tourist centres

3530. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to develop railway stations of metros and mini metros and important tourist centres into a world class railway stations;

(b) whether any railway station in the North Eastern States has been included;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) Yes, Sir. Guwahati Railway station has recently been identified for development into a world class railway station.

(d) Does not arise.

Ship breaking

3531. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the last few years a large number of foreign dead ships have been brought to Indian ports for ship breaking;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken note of security and other hazards involved in this activity;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to frame rules for such activity so as to safeguard the national security and other aspects;

(d) if so, by when that is likely to be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The provisions of existing rules take adequate care of the hazards of ship breaking including the need for safeguarding national security etc. Further, as and when any shortcomings are noticed the rules are suitably modified and new rules framed.

Price hike of raw material

†3532. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of raw material required for manufacture of steel in the country have increased from 30 per cent to 83 per cent during the period from August, 2007 to March, 2008;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard together with the extent of increase in the prices of each of the items required for manufacture of steel from April, 2007 to March, 2008; and

(c) the items in this raw material in which the 80 per cent or more are supplied in the country by Government and semi-Government institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) The increase registered in the raw material spot prices (FOB) of the main steel making raw materials from April, 2007 to March, 2008 is given in the table below along with the percentage increase during the said period. The table indicates that the rise in price of these raw materials has been more than 30% during the period August, 2007 to March, 2008.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.